

February 17, 2017

The Honorable Paul Formica
The Honorable Catherine A. Osten
The Honorable Toni E. Walker
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT. 06106

Dear Senator Formica, Senator Osten and Representative Walker:

I am writing to you on behalf of the members of the Advisory Council for Library Planning and Development regarding the Governor's proposed biennial budget which includes elimination of all funding of the borrowIT CT (formerly Connecticard) program.

For over 40 years, Connecticut residents have benefitted greatly from this program. Connecticard makes available to each resident all of the materials held in all of Connecticut's public libraries. This reciprocal borrowing has been a great success in cooperation. Details of this success are included in the statement which is attached to this letter.

Additionally, Advisory Council members would ask for your support in defeating any efforts to eliminate the statute (C.G.S. 11-31b) which established and maintains this valuable program.

Connecticut's libraries need to be supported now more than ever in these challenging times.
Thank you for supporting Connecticut's libraries and the programs they provide to all residents.

Sincerely,



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